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[Reports to the Supervising Surgeon-General United States Marine-Hospital Service.]

One case of smallpox in Seattle, Wash.

OLYMPIA, WASH., May 23, 1896.

SIR: A. J. Clark, aged 51, cook, had been in Seattle for several months and went to a logging camp about April 6. Feeling ill, he returned to Seattle April 25, and diagnosis of smallpox was made April 27. Was isolated, and had bedding destroyed; all exposed persons vaccinated. He is now convalescent and no new cases have developed.

This is the only case that has appeared in this State for years.

GEO. S. ARMSTRONG,
Secretary State Board of Health.

Disinfection of the baggage of all Chinese immigrants arriving on the Pacific Coast of the United States and Canada.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 24, 1896.

SIR: You are respectfully informed that Sanitary Inspector Eldridge, Marine-Hospital Service, now stationed at Yokohama, has reported to this Bureau that between January 5, 1896, and March 16 there were in Hongkong 234 cases and 204 deaths from the plague. Passed Assistant Surgeon Arnold, U. S. N., reports a mortality of 95 per cent among cases observed by him. The Straits Settlements (Singapore) have established a quarantine against arrivals from Hongkong February 27, and under date of March 3, 1896, the United States consul at Hongkong reports that that city has been affected with an epidemic of plague.

In view of these facts, it would seem highly important that special measures be taken to prevent the introduction of the disease into the United States and British Columbia, and I have therefore to recommend that all baggage of all Chinese passengers from Hongkong be disinfected before landing, and, in order to secure uniformity and minimize the danger, that instructions be given to this end to all quarantine officers